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DRIVE LOOP WITH ESM-CONTROLLED DRIVE BOXES  
USING REDUNDANT DRIVE CHANNELS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
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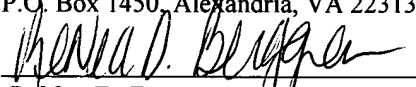
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on April 4, 2005. While it is believed that no extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 12-2252. Consideration of the Amendment and Remarks/Arguments that follow is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.